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The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" As regards the first question, Sir, I must say I do not quite understand what the hon. Member wants to be done. If he were to put it in writing, I would be glad to consider it. As regards the second question, why the answer is in the negative, we do not know any reason why it should not be."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" I shall state my contention in writing and send it on to the hon. Member in two or three days."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SYEED :—" Will the hon. the Revenue Member, in view of the resolution passed in the last Council, see his way to give effect to that ? "

Depressed Classes

Provision of house-sites for the depressed classes in Malabar.

* 120 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government agree with the view of the Commissioner of Labour on the question of provision of house-sites for the depressed classes in the district of Malabar expressed in paragraph 23 of his Administration Report for 1925-26 ; and

(b) whether the Government propose to refer the question for report to the Collector after ascertaining the opinion of public bodies engaged in the work of amelioration of the conditions of the depressed classes ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No. The report of the Commissioner of Labour is based upon the views of the Collector of Malabar and the Honorary District Labour Officer on the subject.

Operations of the Labour department in South Kanara.

* 121 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the depressed classes in certain parts of South Kanara, chiefly in Coondapoor and Uppinangadi taluks, are not getting the benefit of the work which the Labour department is doing for them in the district ; and

(b) whether Government propose to extend the operations of the Labour department to those parts also ?

A.—(a) The special operations of the department have not yet been extended to the two taluks specified.

(b) Yes.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" With regard to answer to (b), when do the Government propose to extend the operations to those parts ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" We hope to do so after April."

MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur :—" Has the Labour Commissioner reported about the necessity for extending these operations to those taluks ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Yes, Sir."